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Inventor or Application Identifier:
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Entitled: **SOURCING SYSTEM AND METHOD**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(a), Applicant(s) respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application not be published under 37 U.S.C. § 122(b). Applicant(s) hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in the above-identified application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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- ☒ Specification (46 Total Pages)
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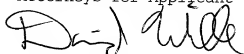
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